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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #4

The department conducted an aerial survey this morning covering Sitka Sound and south to West Crawfish Inlet. Spotting conditions were good. No herring were visible from the air. Whales and sea lions continue to be mostly concentrated in the offshore areas west and north of Crow Island. Three whales and approximately 35 sea lions were seen north of Kasiana Island and three whales and 12 sea lions were seen west of the Parker Group. South of Sitka, three whales were seen near shore off Cape Burunof, with approximately 30 sea lions off Three Entrance Bay south of Cape Burunof. No other notable concentrations of herring predators were observed in areas further to the south. No test samples are being taken today.

The next aerial survey will occur tomorrow. Two test vessels will be on the grounds tomorrow as well.

Permit holders wanting to make practice sets may do so in the deeper waters of Eastern Channel south of Jamestown Bay.

Updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below, and on a recorded message phone at (907) 747-1009.

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